

# IS CYBER SECURITY TRAINING REALLY NECESSARY?

**This is a question we often hear. And the answer is always a big YES!**

Software can only protect you to a certain level. It's humans who are the first line of defense against cyber security attacks.

If you can teach someone to spot a bad link in an email and not click it... then you have made a giant leap in mitigating the effects of a cyber-attack.

Regular training doesn't just help everyone. It can also build a culture of security awareness within the organization.

Staff find it hard to act against a culture. They'll think "if no-one else bothers to check links before clicking them, why should I?". That way of thinking also works the other way.

Regular training will help you

identify areas where your security isn't as robust as it could be and make appropriate changes.

If you don't already invest in cyber security training, please consider it for this year. The benefits are massive.



## Business gadget of the month

Now that many of us are working remotely, safe and secure transport for our devices is a must.

The Nordace Siena smart backpack is perfect.

Not only does it look good, but it has a padded laptop compartment, a USB charging point, and a secret pocket for valuables.

It even has a fleece-lined pocket for sunglasses.



  
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### QUESTION

**Can I print straight from my iPhone or Android device?**

### ANSWER

Yes, if your phone/tablet is connected to a wireless access point (Wi-Fi) running on the network with the printer. On your phone switch on Default Print Service in the settings. Open the file you want to print. Tap the menu, tap print, and select your printer.

### QUESTION

**How do I see how much space apps are taking up?**

### ANSWER

In Windows 10 and 11 go to Settings -> System -> Storage. Tap on Cleanup recommendations to see what software you're not using and could remove.

### QUESTION

**Does turning it off and on again really work?**

### ANSWER

Often, yes. Restarting any device allows it to refresh every process, which can often solve small annoying problems.

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# TECHNOLOGY INSIDER

Your monthly newsletter, written  
for humans not geeks

## GLOBAL CHIP SHORTAGES & SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES 2022 - 2023

A global silicon chip shortage compounded by supply chain problems likely to continue in 2022 and beyond means long delays for purchases of everything from new computers to automobiles. BeckITSystems urges everyone to place your purchase request as far ahead of the time of need as possible. Major computer manufacturers currently ship new products between 60 and 90 days or more after an order is placed - and that will probably increase as we go into 2022.

Closely tied to availability is price. When a commodity is in short supply and demand is strong, the price

increases. ***The price you will pay for a new computer will be the price of the product when it ships-NOT ORDERED!*** For that reason BeckITSystems has developed strong relationships with re-manufacturers that sell used computers coming off of lease. This can cut the time from ordering to receiving your product down to 1.5 to 2 months or less ***AND save money!*** "The best advice is to plan as far ahead as possible to meet your needs for 2022 and 2023" says Ed Becker, President.

Contact us for your replacement computer and upgrade planning needs.

### DID YOU KNOW?



#### Safari's busy protecting you

If you use Safari, maybe you've noticed its boasts about blocking "x" number of trackers from profiling you. But what does that really mean?

It has nothing to do with malware or being hacked. Instead it means the browser has stopped the websites you visit from tracking:

- Your movements across the web
- Your IP address
- And even your location

It does this by blocking third-party cookies from being stored on your device.

You might notice that the number is usually high. That means there's still a way to go to get more privacy online.




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## INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"Innovation is the outcome of a habit, not a random act"*  
**Sukant Ratnakar, author**

Have you heard about 'f  
If not, you need to

You get a message, text or e  
It will either  
Doesn't feel right? Trust your gut. It's possible you

You can protect your own messaging account

Wherever it is available, we recommend that you  
Factor Authentication". This process will require  
cell phone as a text . C

### FUN TECH QUIZ

Who's on coffee duty this week?  
Loser gets the privilege 😂

1. Which tech whizz invented the term 'metaverse'?
2. Which part of the US, famous for internet companies, is named after the mineral used in transistors and computer chips?
3. What was the first handheld game console to be played in space?
4. What does the 'CC' in an email stand for?
5. What year was YouTube started?

The answers are below.

1) Mark Zuckerberg  
2) Silicon Valley  
3) A Nintendo Game Boy in 1993. And the game played was Tetris  
4) Carbon Copy  
5) 2005

#2

People visiting Google sp  
15 minutes and 13 sec  
Have you tried DUCK  
searches that pr





## Technology update

'friend in need' scams on Messaging Apps?  
be aware of them and tell your team, too.

email, that looks like it's from someone you know, asking for your help.  
er request money, personal information, or your personal information.  
your friend has been hacked. Call them using their cell number (not with  
the messaging app) and let them know.

nts by enabling two-step verification, so your account is PIN protected.

u enable "2FA" or "MFA" which is "2 factor authentication" and "Multi-  
e you to enter a unique PIN code that is used only once and sent to your  
Once your PIN code is entered, you will have access to your application.

#1

WordPress powers 40%  
of the top 10 million  
websites online

end an average of  
conds on the site.  
DUCKGO.COM for  
protect privacy?

#3

7% of US adults say they do  
not use the internet. This is  
linked to age - 25% of over 65s  
say they never go online

## TECH FACTS

## WAYS TO FOLLOW-UP AFTER A ZOOM MEETING

You've just finished a Zoom meeting with your team: people in the office, a team member working from home, consultants in other countries, and a travelling VP. The real question is: what comes next? It's time to review your notes and try to find all of the action items - OR you can try the following steps using a tool like Onenote, Redbooth, or other collaboration platform.

1. Capture action items in realtime
2. Assign tasks during the meeting
3. Set deadlines so all can see
4. Document key insights & content
5. Use a workflow program to track progress.

